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A Fresh Start for New Bedford High School Evening Extension Graduates

New Bedford, Massachusetts- Commencement exercises for the New Bedford High School Evening Extension program are scheduled for 7 o'clock this evening in the New Bedford High School Bronspiegel Auditorium. This year, 78 graduates who made the decision to return to school to pursue their diploma will participate in tonight's graduation program.

Rosemary E. Wilde, New Bedford High School Evening Extension Principal and New Bedford Public Schools Director of the Division of Adult Continuing Education will urge graduates in her address to "make good use of the skills you have acquired as you proceed in your lifelong journeys. The challenge of the future lies before you. New Bedford and the world will be richer for the contributions you make."

Bethany Christine Lowe and Michael Anthony Babineau are each scheduled to deliver a salutatory address at the commencement exercises. Both salutatorians are expected to speak about their important life decision to continue to pursue their education.

"The decision these students have made to return to school and complete their high school education is nothing short of life changing. I am looking forward to congratulating our graduates on their accomplishments and I commend their family, friends and teachers for their support," said Mayor Scott W. Lang.

The 2007 class brings the total number of students who have graduated from the evening program, since it became an accredited high school forty-four years ago, to more than 5,550.